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G.M. 524 - CONFIRMATION OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION CHAIR,
GOVERNATORIAL NOMINEE
RANDALL IWASE

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the appointment of Mr. Randall "Randy" Iwase as the Chairperson to the Public Utilities Commission.

After an illustrious 38-year career of serving as a State Senator, City Councilmember, Deputy Attorney General, Chairperson of both the Tax Review Commission and Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board, and Executive Director of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation, Mr. Iwase chose to trade in his well-earned retirement to serve as the Chair of the Public Utilities Commission. Although he does not have any formal training in energy policy, in each of his prior positions, Mr. Iwase has proven to be a quick study on complex subject matters. While the PUC contends with a potential large scale acquisition of the Hawaiian Electric Industries, the Board will need to rely on a leader with no vested interests or personal gain and it must be led by someone whose singular interest is to lay a solid foundation in creating a sustainable renewable energy future for Hawaii. We trust that in a time where the Commission and its decisions will be thrust into the public spotlight, Mr. Iwase's proven and steady handed leadership will be an invaluable asset.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our unequivocal support for Mr. Iwase's confirmation as the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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